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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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SUBJECT: IVORY COAST CUSTOMS FINES

1. FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION (FMC) HAS RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM SHIPPING LINES IN US/IVORY COAST TRADE ON NUMEROUS AND SOMETIMES QUITE HIGH CUSTOMS FINES BEING LEVIED IN THE PORT OF ABIDJAN. THESE FINES APPEAR TO BE FOR OFFENSES SUCH AS "LATE ARRIVAL OF MANIFEST", "MISDECLARATION OF WEIGHTS BY SHIPPER", "SHORTLANDED CARGO", "MANIFEST DISCREPANCIES", "EXCESS CARGO" AND "IMPROPER MANIFEST". THE FINES RANGE FROM 45 DOLLARS TO OVER 60,000 DOLLARS PER INCIDENT.

2. EMBASSY PLEASE CHECK WITH CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON IVORIAN SYSTEM OF CUSTOMS FINES. PLEASE POUCH TO DEPARTMENT (EB/TT/MA) ANY CUSTOMS FINES REGULATIONS WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE.

3. EMBASSY PLEASE ALSO SPEAK WITH ABIDJAN SHIPPING CIRCLES TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND AVAILABLE ON CUSTOMS

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FINES IN ABIDJAN AND ANY INDICATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST

PARTICULAR SHIPPING LINES OR CONFERENCES.

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